

5 Alternatives to the SHARDOR Coffee & Spice Grinder (Including Better Options for Espresso)

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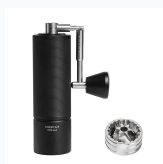
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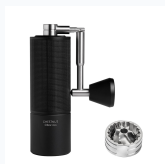
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If you're comparing against the SHARDOR, the biggest question is whether you want convenience or consistency. Blade grinders like the SHARDOR are quick and affordable, but they chop unevenly, which can make espresso harsh and filter coffee a bit muddy. Burr grinders — especially conical burr models — give a far more even particle size, which is where the flavour improvement really shows.

TIMEMORE Chestnut S3 Manual Coffee Grinder (£149.00, 4.7★) is the premium pick here. It uses a high-precision external adjustment system, which makes dialling in grind size much easier than with a basic blade grinder. Compared with the SHARDOR, it's vastly more consistent for pour-over, AeroPress, and even espresso-style brewing. What's better: burr precision, portability, and build quality. What's worse: it's manual, expensive, and only holds 30g. Choose this if you care most about flavour and want café-level control for travel or home use.

TIMEMORE Chestnut C3S Max (£115.00, 4.7★) is another manual grinder, but with an all-metal body and foldable handle. Its stainless steel conical burrs are a huge step up from the SHARDOR's chopping blades, giving cleaner extraction and less fines. It's especially good for filter coffee and can handle espresso in a pinch. Better: durable construction, excellent grind consistency, portable. Worse: still hand-powered and not as fast for larger batches. This is a strong all-rounder if you want quality without going fully electric.

TIMEMORE Chestnut C3 ESP Pro (£115.00, 4.7★) is the most espresso-focused option of the bunch. Its internal adjustment system and CNC stainless steel conical burrs make it more suitable for tight espresso dialling than the SHARDOR ever could be. Better: finer control, better for espresso, double-bearing positioning for stability. Worse: manual grinding takes effort, and the 25g capacity is modest. Pick this if you're serious about espresso and want a grinder that can keep up with a proper machine.

TIMEMORE Chestnut C3S PRO (£87.20, 4.6★) sits in the sweet spot between price and performance. Like the others, it's a manual conical burr grinder, so it will give you much better consistency than the SHARDOR blade grinder. It's a great choice for home brewers who mainly make filter coffee, moka pot, or occasional espresso. Better: excellent value, folding handle, good build. Worse: still manual and not ideal if you grind multiple cups at once. This is probably the best balance for most coffee drinkers.

Krups Expert Electric Burr Coffee Grinder (£54.00, 4.1★) is the closest electric alternative. With 17 grind settings and a 225g hopper, it's far more practical for larger daily coffee routines than the SHARDOR, and the burr mechanism gives a more even grind. Better: electric convenience, bigger capacity, automatic stop function, more consistent than a blade grinder. Worse: it's still not an espresso specialist, and the grind range won't match a premium hand grinder for precision. Choose this if you want an easy upgrade from the SHARDOR without moving to a manual grinder.

In short: if you want the cheapest and simplest option for spices and casual coffee, the SHARDOR still makes sense. But if you want noticeably better coffee extraction — especially for espresso or filter — a conical burr grinder is the real upgrade.

Still Buy the Original If...

The SHARDOR is still the right choice if you mainly grind spices, want a low-cost electric option, or only make casual coffee and don't need perfect consistency. It's also a sensible pick if convenience matters more than flavour precision.

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